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Rs. 2 Crore Cash Loot Case at Yelwal

City Court acquits all 11 accused

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&KS)- The Third Additional District and Sessions Court here today morning acquitted all the 11 accused in the Rs. 2 crore seizure case at Yelwal.

The Judge, before delivering his verdict, observed that the complainant had not provided documents pertaining to the cash and why such a huge amount was being transported physically when there was an option of Real-Time Gross Settlement Systems (RTGS), a fund transfer system where money transfer takes place from one bank to another on a "real time" basis and "gross" basis besides observing that the CID had not provided documents to support the complainant's allegations.

Taking all this into consideration, the Judge acquitted all the 11 accused in the case. The investigation was conducted by the CID and the chargesheet, evidence list and mahazar report were submitted to the Court in May 2014 and in all, 11 persons were named in the chargesheet.

The accused and their advocates and Public Prosecutor Dharanaiah were present at the Court, when the Judge delivered his verdict.

It may be recalled that on Jan. 3, 2014, the Mysuru Police had got information that crores of rupees of hawala money was being transported from Bengaluru to Kerala in a bus named 'Kalpaka' (KA-01-AA-2793).

The Police immediately planned an operation to intercept the bus and formed a team under the guidance of the then Southern Range IGP K. Ramachandra Rao and Mysuru Rural Dy.SP Srihari Baragur. The team which waited for the bus near Yelwal, searched the bus on its arrival and the Police recovered Rs. 20 lakh cash that was kept in the tool box.

An FIR was registered and the bus driver Akhtar Hussain and conductor Munir were taken into custody. After the seizure, the then Mysuru South Rural Inspector Jagadeesh had lodged a complaint at Yelwal Police Station, stating that Rs. 20 lakh was seized from the wooden box under a passenger seat in the back of the bus.

But the case received a major twist when Sylalubiddin, a gold merchant from Kozhikode in Kerala had alleged that the Police personnel had pocketed over Rs. 2 crore they had seized from the bus. It also came to light that though there is a Police Station at Yelwal whose head is a Sub-Inspector, the accused Policemen exceeded their jurisdiction as the area falls under South Station headed by a Circle Police Inspector (CPI).

The case was later handed over to the CID, which arrested Prakash, the gunman of IGP Ramachandra Rao and six other cops, who were arrested later.

One more Pelican dies at Kukkarahalli Lake

Officials rule out Bird Flu, suspect gastroenteritis or age-related sickness for the deaths

A flock of Pelicans roosting at Kukkarahalli Lake.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&KS)- One more Spot Billed Pelican was found dead at Kukkarahalli Lake here yesterday bringing the number of bird deaths at the Lake to six this month. Seven Pelicans had died at Kokkare Bellur in Mandya district.

Meanwhile, DCF (Wildlife) V. Yedukondalu, speaking to *SOM* said that the carcass of the Pelican has been sent for post-mortem and added that the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAH&VB) in Bengaluru, who have ruled out the outbreak of Bird Flu in the previous deaths of Pelicans at Kukkarahalli Lake and Kokkare Bellur, had said that the birds had died of gastroenteritis.

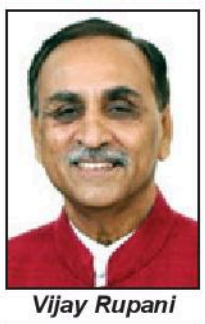
The DCF said that the officials of the Department of Animal Husbandry have treated sick Pelicans and added that the water from the Lake has been sent for testing besides stating that necessary steps are taken to prevent the deaths of birds.

He said that bird droppings have been collected at Kukkarahalli Lake, Lingambudhi Lake and at Kokkare Bellur and has been sent for testing to the Bhopal Laboratory and added that it would take 15 days for them to receive the report. It is only then we could ascertain the exact cause of its death, DCF Yedukondalu said and added that he was in constant touch with the officials at the Bhopal Lab.

Meanwhile, Member of Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Member Dr. K.M. Jayaramaiah, who also spoke to *SOM* ruled out the outbreak of Bird Flu and said that there would have been many deaths if the birds had died of Bird Flu as it would have spread to other birds like wildfire.

He said that there are many aged Pelicans in the Lake and the birds may have died due to age-related ailments.

Rupani sworn-in as Gujarat CM



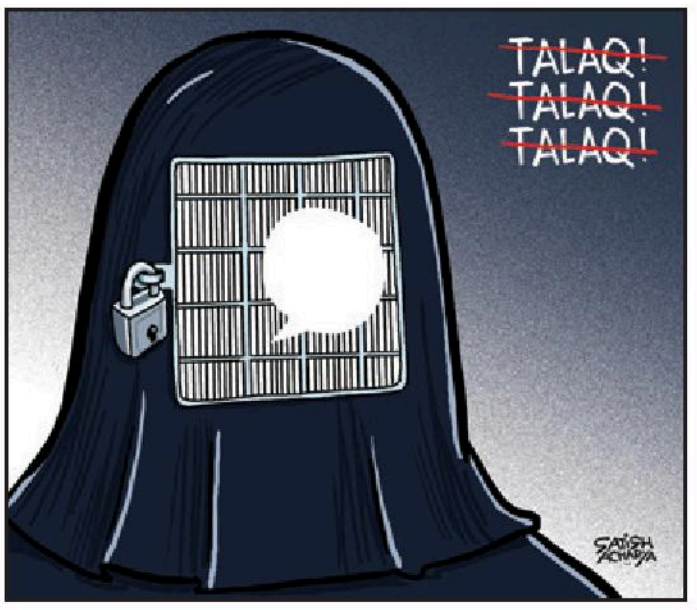
Vijay Rupani

Gandhinagar, Dec. 26- Vijay Rupani, 61, took oath as the Gujarat Chief Minister here this morning, at a ceremony that doubled as a massive show of strength by the BJP. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who landed in Gandhinagar around 10 am, attended, as did party chief Amit Shah and all Chief Ministers of the BJP.

Rupani, who took oath along with 19 other Ministers, visited the Akshardham temple this morning along with his wife Anjali Rupani.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Doctors: *More sinned against than sinning*

The Bard of Stratford Upon Avon, Shakespeare wrote the words in italics chosen for the caption of today's column, while presenting the character Shylock, the uncompromising money-lender in *Merchant of Venice*. Demanding his pound of flesh from his truant borrower made Shylock the sinner in the verdict of some critics while some others felt he was more sinned against. Placing the privately practicing medical professionals in the position of Shylock in the play opens the ongoing debate on the exorbitant consultation fees demanded by doctors in addition to other sickness-care expenses such as charges by establishments of diagnostic test and the Hospital bills including payments to meet ward rentals, nursing services and so on, which have sky-rocketed. The Karnataka Government disturbed the hornet's nest as it were while proposing to bring in legislation ostensibly to rein in the players in the system, namely the medicare sector juxtaposed to the population seeking sickness-care from hospitals privately managed.

In a manner of recapitulation, the long past era before allopathy entered the scene, the land's people may be presumed to have followed a regimen of life based on eating unadulterated food and living in an ambience of zealously guarded sanitation, unlike the generation of our times, which disdainfully disregards the imperatives of taking liberties and environs. Without meaning either to cast aspersions on the present generation's perception of the connect between health and living conditions or stereotyping the society of our times as a whole, one is prompted to remark that the mass marching to the doctor's consultation room and then to the privately managed hospital is similar to the case of "*Between the devil and the deep sea*" oscillating between self-inflicted disease-burden and the only option of doctor-burden. Before taking a harsh view of the doctors and managements of private hospitals, including nursing homes as a separate entity from their counterparts in government establishments, one is obliged to take into account a few points. People are meeting the cash needs of government hospitals through coughing up taxes in a prepaid manner. Private hospitals, any day better equipped can ill-afford charity, needing cash to remain afloat.

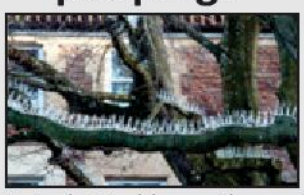
Briefly, investment needed to groom boys and girls into doctors begins at 10+2 stage itself. The expenses of medical education cost a bomb. Specialisation in branches of medicine costs a virtual fortune. Doctors in government service get post-retirement benefits while private doctors don't, including paid holidays and comfortable working conditions. The matter of seeking medicare centres on choosing between *sarkari* doctors and *freelancing* medical professionals. Why portray the latter as sinners?

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If law-making is a long and tedious process, it appears that unmaking existing laws is an equally arduous task. How else does one explain the fact that until three years ago, a huge number of obsolete Acts remained in the law books despite losing their relevance and utility? It has been only in the last three years that nearly 1,800 obsolete laws have been repealed. In the latest round, 235 outdated Acts and nine pre-Independence Ordinances have been repealed. These pieces of legislation may have been relevant and necessary at the time they were introduced, but in the absence of a periodic review they continue to burden the statutory corpus. These laws are archaic mainly because the social, economic and legal conditions that required their enactment does not obtain today; they are also not in tune with the progress of democracy since Independence. Those on 'sedition' or exciting disaffection against the State, remain; so do 'adultery' and 'sex against the order of nature.' Such obsolete concepts and notions that underlie law-making also require an overhaul. — *In The Hindu.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

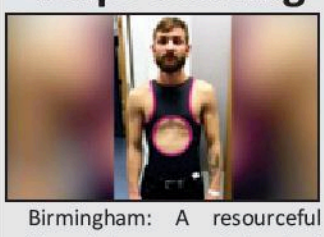
Spike trees to stop birds pooping!



Bristol: Wealthy residents of an elite neighbourhood in Bristol, England have installed 'anti-bird spikes' on trees in an attempt to protect their expensive cars from bird droppings.

The spikes, which are commonly used to prevent birds from roosting and nesting on building ledges over public sidewalks, were nailed to two trees in the exclusive Clifton area of the city, near the wildlife-rich Downs and the Avon gorge. The use of these spikes in trees has outraged locals and environmentalists alike, with one Twitter user calling it a war on wildlife. The affected trees have been described by a local Green Party Councillor as uninhabitable to birds. A spokesperson for Bristol City Council, however, said that the trees were on private property, so there was nothing that the local authorities could do to stop them. The spikes had apparently already been in place for several years.

Swimming suit helps stealing



Birmingham: A resourceful pickpocket managed to steal 53 smartphones at a concert in Birmingham, England, by using a very unusual accessory — a women's swimming suit. This allowed him to conceal all the stolen phones as he tried to get his hands on even more.

Romanian national Alin Marin, 22, attended a Royal Blood concert at Arena Birmingham on 18 November wearing the black and pink compression suit and a pair of skinny jeans. He made his way to the mosh pit where he was able to relieve dozens of revellers of their phones without them noticing. The pickpocket would stash each of them inside the swimsuit, and move on to the next target. He was kind of like a living, breathing deposit box. At one point, he had 53 phones stashed close to his body.

Unfortunately for Marin, Birmingham police were also mingling with the crowd, as part of a covert operation prompted by intelligence regarding thefts targeting the band's fans at concerts earlier in the year. They arrested Marin on Broad Street shortly after he left the gig, and recovered the phones from a nearby car park.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How healthy are goji berries?

Goji berries are among the healthiest of all dried fruits, much more nutritious than raisins. Buy goji berries at Asian market as lycium berries. At Asian markets they're often less expensive than raisins.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Best thesis awardee

Goutham

Mysuru, Dec.26 - S.M. Goutham Konikar, a M.Tech in Urban and Regional Planning student of The School of Planning and Architecture, University of Mysore, has been selected for the second prize of Prof. V.N. Prasad National Best Thesis Award-2017 by the Institute of Town Planners India, New Delhi, for his thesis titled 'Planning for Sustainable Urban Transport for Mysuru City.'

The award comprises Rs. 20,000 cash and a certificate. He has also been invited to present his thesis and receive the award at the 66th National Town and Country Planners Congress to be held in Hyderabad from Feb. 2 to 4. He worked under the guidance of Associate Professors of School of Planning and Architecture Dr. B. Shankar, Dr. H.N. Nagendra and Dr. H.S. Kumara.

Goutham Konikar is the son of Dr. S. Mokshapathy and G.C. Sheela. Presently, he is working as a guest faculty of Planning and Architecture in city.

Permanent augmentation of Yesvantpur - Kannur Express

Mysuru, Dec.26- South Western Railway (SWR) has decided for permanent augmentation with one second class sleeper coach for Train No. 16527 Yesvantpur - Kannur Express with effect from Dec.20 and Train No. 16528 Kannur - Yesvantpur Express with effect from Dec.21.

Train No. 16527/16528 Yesvantpur - Kannur - Yesvantpur Express will have the revised composition of one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier coaches, twelve second class aleeper coaches, four general aecond class coaches, two luggage cum brake van with generator.

Cancellation and regulation

Railway has permitted Line Block for taking up Cement Concrete Apron work at Vasco da gama station for 45 days from Dec.24 to Feb.6, 2018. As such, Train No. 56963/56964, Vasco da gama - Kulem- Vasco da gama Passenger will be cancelled during the said period. Train No. 12742, Patna-Vasco da gama Express will be regulated for 60 minutes between Majorda and Sankval stations on every Monday.

Really...?

- ***When the first Independent Prime Minister of India, pacifist Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964), was featured in Vogue, his distinctive close fitting, single-breasted jacket briefly became an important fashion statement for the Mod movement in the West. Named the Nehru jacket, the PM's coat was popularised by the Beatles and worn by such famous people as Johnny Carson (1925-2005) and Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990).***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Two-wheelers without number plates on the rise

Sir,

Lately, there has been an increase in the number of two-wheelers (especially scooters) on the road that do not have a rear number plate.

While the Traffic Police seem to be busy with only catching riders without helmets, there seems to be an increase in other violations such as signal jumping and speaking on mobiles while riding or driving.

People are rude to drivers who respect rules and wait at signals for the light to turn green. Honest drivers are coerced by hooligans into jumping signals. This is especially true of signals that don't have free left turns but impatient vehicle riders honk and shout from behind.

I had an experience recently of being shouted at by two persons on a scooter without number plates *(see photo)* when I was waiting for the signal to turn green.

I hope the Traffic Police will pay attention to violations other than the helmet rule also and take action against more serious offenses (like talking on mobile phone, signal jumping or violating one-way rule).

—Vaivaswatha

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Pensioners' Day celebrated by Railway Pensioners Assn.

Mysuru, Dec.26-Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Mysuru, celebrated the Pensioners' Day recently at SC/ST Association Hall in city. Prashanth Mastiholi, Sr. Divisional Personnel Officer, Mysuru, addressed the gathering. Armugam, Association President, spoke of the origin of pension scheme and highlighted the decision given by Supreme Court in NAKARA case on 17.12.1982. N.Sainath, Working President, welcomed. C.G. Krishna, General Secretary, also spoke. A. Dyavanna, Treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks. A free eye screening camp by Agrawal Eye Clinic was arranged on the occasion.

Winners of ISKCON Gita Quiz

Mysuru, Dec.26- The following participants have won special prizes in the Gita Quiz - 2017 organised by ISKCON, Mysuru recently:

Arati of Jayanagar, Dhanshri S. Patil (Gokulam), N. Latha (Gokulam), K. Leelavathi (Ramakrishna Nagar), Madhupriya (Krishnamurthypuram), Mane Vidhula Vijay (Jayanagar), Meghana P. Karanth (Jayanagar), P. Nagaraju (Kuvempunagar), G. Narayana Rao (T. K. Layout), Panduranga Vittal (Chamundipuram), N. Prathna (Mysuru), M. Shashikala (Kuvempunagar), S. Shilpa Sharma (N. R. Mohalla), S.K. Shylaja Satyamurthy (Jayanagar), M. Thirumaleshwari (Vidyaranyapuram), Sumithra Mohan (Chamarajpet, Bengaluru) and L. Vijayalakshmi (Kuvempunagar).

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WhatsApp to stop working on some platforms after Dec. 31

San Francisco, Dec. 26-Facebook-owned messaging app WhatsApp will stop support for a number of platforms after Dec.31, 2017. The messaging app will drop support for 'BlackBerry OS', 'BlackBerry 10', 'Windows Phone 8.0' and older platforms from Dec. 31, 2017, if one goes by the company's blog post. WhatsApp says users on these particular platforms will not be able to create new accounts, nor re-verify existing accounts once the company ends support.

WhatsApp had earlier announced it will stop support for many of these older platforms. End of support does not mean a user will lose access to their WhatsApp account. WhatsApp says users can continue using the app on their phone, but should not expect any future security updates or new features.

While Windows 8 will get axed once 2018 starts, WhatsApp will continue support for Windows 8.1 version and higher devices, even though Microsoft itself has admitted that Windows Mobile is dead. In BlackBerry's case, the company has itself confirmed it will no longer be manufacturing or launching new smartphones, and the BlackBerry 10 and BlackBerry OS have been abandoned. Instead new BlackBerry-branded phones are now manufactured by China-based TCL and powered by Android OS. So WhatsApp ending support for the BlackBerry platform is not surprising.

"We will no longer actively develop for these platforms, some features may stop functioning at any time," WhatsApp said. "These platforms don't offer the kind of capabilities we need to expand our app's features in the future. If you use one of these affected mobile devices, we recommend upgrading to a newer OS version, or to a newer Android running OS 4.0+, iPhone running iOS 7+, or Windows Phone 8.1+ so that you can continue using WhatsApp," the company added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Seminar on 'Theatre'

A seminar on 'Vrutti Rangabhoomi (Professional Theatre)' has been organised at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises tomorrow (Dec.27) at 10.30 am under the aegis of Ranga Ratnakara, Bengaluru. Ranga Nepatya Editor Gudihalli Nagaraja will speak on 'Ranga Sahitya (theatre script)'; Ranga Sangeetha Ratna R. Paramashivan on 'Ranga Sangeetha (theatre music)'. Senior cine actor Kalatapasvi Dr. Rajesh presides and speaks on 'Ranga Natane (theatre acting),' according to a press release from Ranga Ratnakara.

Technical talk on Geo-Spatial Technology

A technical lecture on 'Advancement in Geo-Spatial Technology and Its Applications' by Dr. Jeganathan Chockalingam, Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) University, Mesra, Ranchi, Jarkhand, has been organised at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, JLB Road in city tomorrow (Dec.27) at 6 pm. M. Chinnaswamy, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, will preside over the programme, according to a press release.

Interaction and prize distribution

An interaction programme on 'Gandhiji' and prize distribution to the winners of district-level essay competition have been organised at Mahajana High School auditorium in Jayalakshmipuram tomorrow (Dec.27) at 10.30 am, under the aegis of Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri and Kannada Vikasa Educational Institution, Nrupatunga Kannada School, Kuvempunagar, Mahajana Educational Institutions, Mahajana High School, Jayalakshmipuram. Littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar will inaugurate. Mahajana Education Society President R. Vasudev Murthy will preside. Thinker P. Mallesh and Gandhi Bhavan Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa will speak on the occasion. UoM Syndicate Member M.S.S. Kumar will distribute prizes, according to a press release.

Contests by Kodagu Mahila Sangha

Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha has organised Cultural Competitions (Dance, Drawing, Singing and Pick-and-Speak) at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram on Jan.7 at 10.30 am. Ballachanda Naina Achappa will be the chief guest. Sangha President Balladichanda Jerry Ponnappa will preside, according to a press release.

No political motive behind demand for separate Lingayat Religion tag: MLC

Senior MLC and former Minister Basavaraj Horatti addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Lingayat Cultural Committee at Nataraja Sabhabhavan, Hosamutt, Agrahara, in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec.26 (SPN&DM)- Senior MLC and former Minister Basavaraj Horatti, who is also the President of Swatantra Lingayat Dharma Vedike, has asserted that there was no political motive behind the demand for separate Lingayat religion tag.

Speaking after inaugurating the Lingayat Cultural Committee at Nataraja Sabhabhavan, Hosamutt, Agrahara in city yesterday, Horatti said that one should not get confused over the demand for separate Lingayat religion as the demand was meant for societal good.

Clarifying that he had no personal interest in the Movement for separate Lingayat religion, he maintained that Lingayats were being academically, economically and socially exploited.

Claiming that the Panchapeethas had misunderstood the Movement, Horatti asserted that he, Ministers M.B. Patil and Vinay Kulkarni and other community leaders, are spearheading the Movement, setting aside political interests.

Continuing, the MLC said that the then Home Minister of the UPA Government Sushil Kumar Sindhe had turned down an appeal made to the Centre seeking separate Lingayat religion tag, on the grounds that the term Veerashaiva Lingayat contained the word 'Shaiva.'

Stating that there were 1.44 crore Lingayats in Maharashtra, 45 lakh in Tamil Nadu, 60 lakh in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and 1.53 crore in Karnataka, he said that despite this numbers, the community was deprived of reservation in jobs and education. He stressed on the needs for all community Mutts, including Panchapeetha and Virakta Mutts, to come together and join the struggle for separate Lingayat religion tag.

Alleging that Legislators from non-AHINDA communities such as Lingayats, Brahmin and Vokkaliga were being ignored by the Siddaramaiah Government, Horatti said that officials and other staff from these three communities were not spared either.

Calling for an end to this sort of discrimination by the Siddharamaiah Government, Horatti reiterated the need for a separate Lingayat religion in order to get justice for the community.

Devanur Dasoha Mutt Seer Mahanta Swamiji dismissed allegations that the Seers supporting the Lingayat religion tag had taken money. Maintaining that the Seers were supporting the Movement only for the sake of community members, he said that it was the responsibility of the Seers to come to the aid of the community when it was facing difficult times.

Neelakanteshwara Mutt Seer Siddamalla Swamiji, Lingayat Samskrutika Samiti President L. Shivalingappa, office-bearers M.Raju, M. Ambale Shivananda Swamy, Mahadevappa, B.M. Marappa, M. Shivakumaraswamy and others were present.

Even as the programme was underway, some members of Basava Balagagala Okkoota and Akhila Bharath Veerashaiva Mahasabha gheraoed Hosamutt Seer Chidananda Swamiji, accusing him of the brain behind the establishment of Lingayat Samskrutika Samiti as part of the Movement for Lingayat religion tag. The members led by Basava Balagagala Okkoota President T.S. Lokesh, alleged that the Seer was dividing Veerashaiva-Lingayat community and also misleading the society by supporting the Movement.

House burgled in city

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&DM)- Even as the City Police are busy observing Crime Prevention Month, burglars have struck the city, decamping with several articles from a house in broad daylight in Jayalakshmipuram yesterday.

Kamath, a resident of Jayalaksmipuram Fifth Main, had gone out for lunch along with his family at about 1 pm, when burglars who managed to enter the house by forcing open the rear door, made good with 40 Euro currency notes, an iPod and an high-end cell phone, it is learnt.

The burglary came to light when Kamath retuned home at about 4 pm.

Dog Squad and Fingerprint Experts were pressed into service for clues.

Jayalakshmipuram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Youth killed in accident

Rakesh

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&DM)- In a tragic incident, a youth was killed when the motorcycle he was riding collided head on with a canter near Manti on KRS Road in the outskirts of the city yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Rakesh (21), son of Mahendra, a resident of Moganahalli (Manti) on KRS Road.

Rakesh, an employee of J.K. Tyres, was travelling on his motorcycle from Pump House to his village at about 4 pm on Monday, when the collision took place.

Rakesh, who sustained serious injuries in the mishap, was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

The KRS Police have registered a case in this regard.

Woman goes missing

Mysuru, Dec.26- Adding to the long list of persons going missing from the city, a 35-year-old woman has gone missing from Metagalli Police Station limits in the latest such incident.

Savitha, a home-maker, who left her house midnight on Dec.18, has not retuned since then, according to a complaint lodged with the Metagalli Police.

Those who have clues about the missing woman Savitha, can contact Metagalli Police on Ph: 0821-2418315 or 2418311.

Moily calls upon Congressmen to gear up for Assembly polls

Veerappa Moily

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RKB&DM)- Exhorting Congress activists to gear up for the forth coming Assembly polls, KPCC Poll Manifesto Committee President and former Chief Minister Veerappa Moily, who is also a Current Lok Sabha MP, has expressed the hope that the Congress would retain power in the State, despite campaigns launched by the opposition BJP.

Moily was addressing party leaders and workers from Mysuru division districts (Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya, Chamarajanagar & Kodagu) at Congress Bhavan close to the city Railway Station recently.

He said that the Congress had a big challenge ahead of it with Rahul Gandhi taking over as the AICC President recently,

Crediting Rahul Gandhi for the Congress performance in Gujarat, Moily maintained that the party was much stronger than the BJP in rural areas of Gujarat.

Moily stressed on the need of sensitising the public on the achievements of the Congress government.

Complimenting CM Siddharamaiah for working for the welfare of all sections of the society, he said that Congress workers should intensively campaign against the BJP.

District in charge Minister Dr. H.C Mahadevappa, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, AICC in charge of Mysuru division Vishnunadh, R. Narendra and H.P Manjunath, City Congress President R. Murthy, district President Dr. B.J Vijaya Kumar were present.

Tigress found dead in Bandipur

Officials say it died of infighting

Gundlupet, Dec. 26 (SOMG& KS)- The Forest Department personnel have found a carcass of an eight-year-old tigress at Moolehole Forest Range coming under Bandipur Reserve Forest yesterday.

Ruling out the possibility of poaching, Bandipur Project Tiger Director Ambadi Madhav said that the tigress had died about three days ago due to infighting and added that the post mortem reports also pointed out to the same.

He said that the tigress had suffered injuries on her neck, shoulder and backbone and added that the claws and canines were intact, which rules out poaching besides stating that the tigress may have been killed by a tiger.

The carcass of the tigress was burnt after Veterinarian Dr. Nagaraju conducted the post-mortem.

Range Forest Officers (RFOs) Sunil Kumar, Shailendra Kumar and staff visited the spot.

Kodagu-based Merchant Navy Ship Captain dies in road accident

Madikeri, Dec. 26 (KS)- Allaranda Achal Bopanna (35), Captain of a Merchant Navy Ship and son of late Allaranda Ganapathy and a native of Bollumadu, who had come to his native place on a vacation, was killed in a road accident near Badaga village last evening.

Allaranda Achal Bopanna

He leaves behind his wife Spoorthi, four-month-old baby boy and a host of relatives and friends. Bopanna, who had taken leave, had come to his native place for a marriage function. On Monday, Bopanna along with his younger brother Somanna had gone to distribute wedding invitations in two separate bikes with Somanna following Bopanna, when a pick-up vehicle rammed into his bike near Badaga village resulting in Bopanna suffering serious injuries.

Though Somanna was rushing his seriously injured brother Bopanna to Madikeri District Hospital, he (Bopanna) died midway. Madikeri Rural Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and have registered a case.

Post-mortem was conducted at Madikeri District Hospital yesterday night and the body was handed over to his family members for the last rites which would be performed today at his native place.

Crime Prevention Month

Series of awareness street plays begin in city

Mysuru, Dec.26 (US&RKB)- The series of street plays envisaged by the city Police in association with Rural Literary and Health Programme (RLHP) as part of Crime Prevention Month commenced this morning in city.

The street plays are aimed at creating awareness among people on increasing crimes on women and children.

About 14 members of RLHP enacted the street play at the premises of K.R. Hospital and City Bus Stand. Interestingly, about 200 people keenly witnessed the play which focussed on female foeticide, dowry deaths, child labour, child abuse and many more relevant topics.

People were also made aware of the helplines for children (1098), women (1091) and senior citizens (1090). The play was effectively supported by music. The script was by Shivaraj of RLHP.

City crime Branch inspector Rajashekar monitored the play.

A street play will be staged at Nimra Mosque Ground in Udayagiri and at Tent Circle in Kyathamaranahalli between 3 pm and 6 pm.

Accident victim succumbs

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&DM)- An accident victim, who was being treated in city, succumbed to his injuries last night.

The deceased has been identified as Shivanna Nayaka (48), a resident of Gokulam Fourth Stage in city.

Shivanna Nayaka was coming to the city on his scooter travelling on Mysuru-T.Narasipur Road at about 5.30 pm on Dec.23, when his scooter was knocked down from behind by a speeding motorcycle near Rajshekar Hospital.

The seriously injured Shivanna Nayaka was rushed to a nearby hospital and later shifted to JSS Hospital, where he breathed his last at about 8.30 pm yesterday.

Siddartha Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations

Mantralaya Seer presents awards to achievers

Mantralaya Raghavendra Swamy Mutt Seer Sri Subudhendra Teertha Swamiji** (third from left) **presenting awards to Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Dr. J.T. Pawar, Dr. P.N. Mohan Kumar as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SBD&US)- Ayurveda Vaidya Sangha had organised a function at Government Maharaja Sanskrit College here last evening as part of Sri Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations and Award Ceremony-2017.

'Charaka Shree' award was presented to Dr. J.T. Pawar, District AYUSH Officer, 'Sushrutha Shree' award to Dr. P.N. Mohan Kumar, Director, Vinayaka Ayurveda Health Centre, Trishur, Kerala and 'Darshana Vaaridhi' award to Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Peethadhipathi, Sudarshana Narasimha Kshetra, Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

Mantralaya Raghavendra Swamy Mutt Seer Sri Subudhendra Teertha Swamiji graced the occasion and presented the awards.

Speaking on the occasion, the Swamiji said that Ayurvedic medicine system should be preserved in the country. He contended that there were many cases where Ayurveda medicine had cured serious health problems which was not possible by modern medicines. However, he pointed out that people should be made aware of that.

Sangha President Dr. G. Gurubasavaraj presided. Sakshi Trust-Bengaluru Hon. Director Dr. R.L. Kashyap, Government Maharaja Sanskrit College Principal Dr. K.M. Mahadevaiah, Sangha Gen. Secretary Dr. A.S. Chandrahshekar, Hon. Secretary Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy and others were present during the programme.

Mandya MP to lodge complaint against RTI activist

Mysuru, Dec. 26-Accusing RTI activist K.R. Ravindra of making baseless charges against him in connection with alleged illegal stone quarrying, Mandya MP C.S Puttaraju has alleged that Ravindra was making all attempts to tarnish his image.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Puttaraju claimed that Ravindra was a Congress agent and was acting as per the directions of Congress leaders.

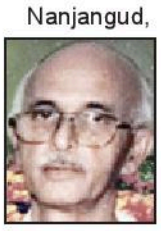
Claiming that Ravindra was into money-lending business, he said that he would soon lodge a complaint against Ravindra with the SP, seeking a probe into the wealth of Ravindra.

Maintaining that Ravindra had demanded money for remaining silent, the MP said that he would soon disclose Ravindra's illegal activities.

He further said that he would not be scared about the probe ordered by the Government into alleged illegal stone quarrying in Pandavapura taluk.

Obituary

U.N. Shekar

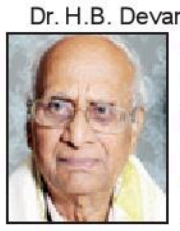


Nanjangud, Dec. 26- U.N. Shekar (67), an agriculturist and a resident of Basavanagudi here, who was undergoing treatment for illness at a private hospital, died at the hospital on Sunday after failing to respond to the treatment.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter, brother U.N. Padhmarabharao, social worker and a first grade contractor and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds on the banks of River Kapila.

Dr. H.B. Devaraja Sarkar



Dr. H.B. Devaraja Sarkar (88), retired Zoology Professor of Mysore University and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning.

Thunderous lessons from Gujarat

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The BJP could only scrape through with a margin of less than 3,000 in 16 constituencies. In Dholka, for example, it won by 327 votes. The BSP got 3,139 votes in this constituency and the NCP 1,198. If a fraction of this splitting was avoided, the opposition would have netted the seat. The emotionally important seat of Godhra was won by a Congress rebel who stood in BJP colours — and still got only a majority of 236 votes.

The reactions to the Gujarat election results were as boastful as the campaign rhetoric was hypocritical, proving yet again that politicians never learn anything. The BJP's leaders were full of exaggerated claims. Congress voices were similar though the exaggerations were more modest. The *khachra* parties that should not have been in the field at all were too shocked to react immediately. That they were shocked was the only sign of normalcy in an otherwise absurd, unnatural, but very Indian, scenario.

There was not one Mayawati candidate in the winners' list though she was arrogant enough to field her minions in all 182 constituencies. One of them gave his deposit money of Rs. 5,000 in coins to show that he got it through public donations. He lost. Not one Sharad Pawar candidate won out of 72 fielded. In fact the results fell into a pattern that was astonishingly clearcut — BJP versus Congress, that was it. There were only four other candidates who won, two of them belonging to the Bharatiya Tribal Party in alliance with the Congress, and two independents one of whom was Jignesh Mewani, also an ally of the Congress.

It was not only a two-party contest, it was a close contest. This is significant because the venue was Gujarat, the stamping ground of the two BJP stalwarts considered invincible. And it was a contest which the BJP knew it could not afford to lose. So they put everything into the fight, unprecedented personal campaign by the Prime Minister and, as local reports said, unprecedented allotment of resources.

With all that, the BJP could only scrape through with a margin of less than 3,000 in 16 constituencies. In Dholka, for example, it won by 327 votes. The BSP got 3,139 votes in this constituency and the NCP 1,198. If a fraction of this splitting was avoided, the opposition would have netted the seat. The emotionally important seat of Godhra was won by a Congress rebel who stood in BJP colours — and still got only a majority of 236 votes.

In other words, if the conceit of marginal party leaders had not divided the votes, the story of Gujarat would have been different. To put it differently, a significant number of Gujarati voters is no longer enamoured of the BJP that has ruled them for nearly two decades. The Congress getting so close and yet so far must be attributed primarily to its lack of strong local leadership. The Congress campaign was a one-man charge, the one man being an import from Delhi. The party's four senior-most leaders lost even as their party was on the upswing. Something is grossly amiss here.

On the other hand, the Congress gained momentum from the rise of a new generation of leaders. It would be a mistake to see the Three Musketeers of Gujarat — Hardik Patel, Alpesh Thakor and Jignesh Mewani — as mere caste leaders. It is true that their rise is the result of caste-based discrimination. Jignesh Mewani, for example, became a leader following the public whipping of Dalits by cow vigilantes in Una. But all three have shown a modernistic approach to the problems of the people they represent emphasising the need for jobs, economic openings and better academic opportunities. This trio may well turn out to be representative of the new Gujarat waiting in the wings. Now that the Congress has had the experience of direct dealings with them, there must be an effort to bring up a clutch of credible Gujarati leaders to take over the reigns of the party in that crucial State.

This may look too much for the Congress Party to achieve, given the absence of credible local leaders in most States. In the two major States where it is on top of the heap, Karnataka and Kerala, groupism is killing it. Rahul Gandhi becoming President is the party's last chance to bring a new generation of young leaders to the top in each State.

He can draw inspiration from words that thunder in Gujarat. Amit Shah thundered that the BJP would get 150 seats before 11 am. He couldn't touch 100 even by nightfall. Earlier, Gujarat's best-known under-aged voice thundered: "I, Hardik Patel, swear by the martyrdom of the 14 Patidars and vow to cast my vote on 9 and 14 December before 11 am to oust the BJP who are torturing six crore people of the State." The ousting didn't happen, but the thunder is still echoing in surprising Gujarat.

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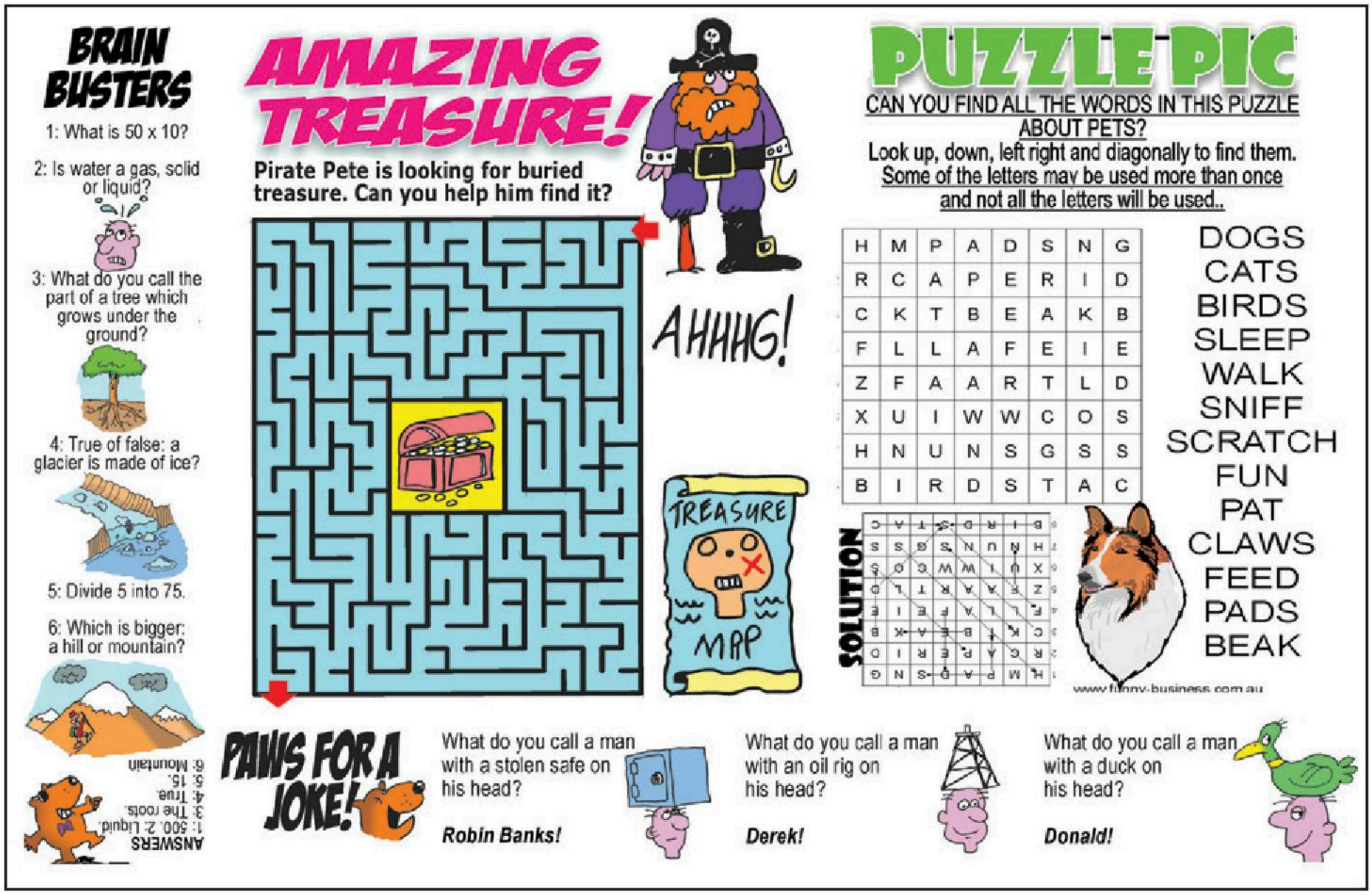
BRAIN BUSTERS
1: What is 50 x 10?
2: Is water a gas, solid or liquid?
3: What do you call the part of a tree which grows under the ground?
4: True of false: a glacier is made of ice?
5: Divide 5 into 75.
6: Which is bigger: a hill or mountain?
ANSWERS
1: 500. 2: Liquid. 3: The roots. 4: True. 5: 15. 6: Mountain
AMAZING TREASURE!
Pirate Pete is looking for buried treasure. Can you help him find it?
AHHHG!
TREASURE MAP
PUZZLE PIC
CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE ABOUT PETS?
Look up, down, left right and diagonally to find them.
Some of the letters may be used more than once and not all the letters will be used..
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PAWS FOR A JOKE!
What do you call a man with a stolen safe on his head?
Robin Banks!
What do you call a man with an oil rig on his head?
Derek!
What do you call a man with a duck on his head?
Donald!

Good response for Makkala Habba

Mysuru winter festival
23rd DEC. 2017 - 1st JAN. 2018

Mysuru, Dec.26 (SV)- The Children's Festival, popularly known as *Makala Habba*, received good response from the kids and their parents at the ongoing Mysuru Winter Festival-2017. The Children's Fest was a three-day programme that concluded yesterday at the Palace premises. Kids from various age groups actively took part in art and crafts demonstration, painting, pottery, yoga, spinning of thread, etc.

The Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samsthe had organised Yoga session for the kids where they were taught about five asanas which would help them in their concentration as well as physical well-being. They also revived the traditional games which they called *'Desi Kreede.'* Children who are completely engrossed in the modern day smart phones and apps were made to play games such as *Buguri, Anne kalu, Aluguli Mane, Pagade, Goli, Gilli-dandu, Kunte-bille* etc.

ONE-MINUTE CRAFTS

Suman Chandrika, a Physical Education teacher by profession, who loves art and craft was completely involved in teaching paper-crafts to children. Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* she said, "We are teaching one-minute crafts. The Palace visitors have no time so we ensure kids have fun within a short time and learn to do the craft immediately. But the children are so keen and interested that many of them come daily to learn the crafts and do not want to budge from here. We as well as the kids are enjoying this process."

ORIGAMI

Saanjhi artist **S.F. Huseni** travels to various places and teaches them the art behind paper-cutting (origami) and giving it a final designed shape. Kids were seen making frequent rounds of visiting him, as he taught them how to make paper designs like Ganda Bherunda (Royal insignia of Wadiyar Dynasty), face masks, colourful and creative caps, Butterflies, Greeting cards and other origami activities. He along with **H.V. Murali,** a retired Head Master, are enjoying this interaction and the love they have been receiving from the children since the last three days.

Huseni, who belongs to *Saanjhi Kala Loka*, is a travelling teacher who goes to several schools and institutions and teaches this art of paper-cutting and crafts. He said, "the children are here from morning and don't want to miss me even for a minute. I couldn't even go to have my lunch. They want me around and I am here for them."

DEMO ON POTTERY

A demonstration of pottery was the main attraction at the Children's Festival. **Govindaraju** and **Halesh** were teaching the kids hands-on experience of making flower pots, vases, bowls, lamps, pen stands, peacocks, ducks etc. Children were excited to make such pieces of art and carried it back carefully with them to their homes. **Neha,** who made a small vase, was excited that she owned that piece of art which she made from her hands. She said, "I will keep this on my table and will paint it and then keep flowers in it."

PAINTING

Ahmed Hussain taught painting to kids in the age group of 6 to 12 years. He said, "I'm teaching paintings of landscapes, nature, animals etc. and the children love painting. Not just the children, even their parents have been sitting along with their kids giving coats of paint on the piece of paper."

SPINNING CHARAKA

Children also got a hands-on experience of spinning thread from a *charaka*. Three women from Badanavalu Khadi Kendra taught the kids about how cotton is made into a thread.

PHOTO EXPO

There was a photo exhibition at the Flower Show venue nearby, where photos of the Palace during olden days, childhood pictures of Maharajas and their families, Dasara processions etc., are displayed.

The *Makkala Habba* as part of Winter Festival grabbed the attention of the kids who in turn learnt new skills while they returned back from here.

Vehicle parking facility for Food & Cake Festival

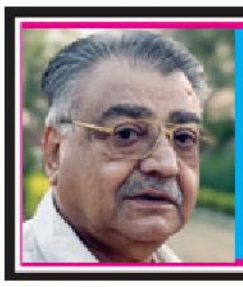
from Dec. 27 to 29 at N.R. Choultry

Mysuru, Dec. 26- As part of the ongoing Mysuru Winter Festival, a three-day Food and Cake Festival has been organised from Dec. 27 to 29 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city.

The City Police have made vehicle parking arrangements at J.K Grounds, Maharani's Arts and Commerce College premises and on JLB Road for visitors taking part in the Festival.

VEHICLE PARKING FOR FILM FEST

Visitors taking part in the four-day Film Festival (Dec. 26 to 29) at Maharaja's College grounds, also organised as part of Winter Festival, have to park their vehicles at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall premises, according to a release from the Office of the City Police Commissioner.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Abuse of Law against our own meek people and Intelligence Agencies

Tale of two typical cases

"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog' — Mark Twain

Reading daily newspapers and watching TV channels, specially *TV9*, **I get a feeling that a violent and greedy minority in our society is not going to change** despite there being a Police Force, Law Courts and above all, hundreds and thousands of Temples, Churches, Mosques and Ashrams with Seers preaching goodness of life, tolerance and moral values. They also tell us that, above all, there is a God above to reward or punish us for our good or bad deeds.

In Tamil language there is a proverb which says, 'King will punish you immediately, but God waits.' This is the problem. Some crimes are so inhuman the perpetrator of such crimes must be punished, if not immediately, at least within a few days or months.

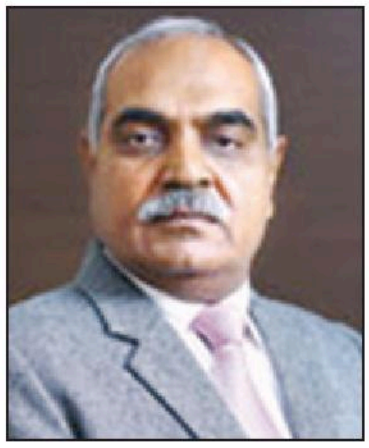
For example, *TV9* was showing a case of one politician by name Ramakrishnappa, with a heavy mush like that we see in Ravana of Ramayana, manhandling a Head Mistress in her school chamber. And then, even as she pleads for mercy, he pulls out a rope from his pant pocket and whips her like she was an animal. Her fault: She had borrowed Rs. 70,000 at usurious rate of interest from Ramakrishnappa and she had not paid the interest for the last four months nor returned the money.

Later she told the media that she had in fact paid over Rs. 70,000 as interest alone so far and due to difficulties she could not pay interest in the last few months.

Watching that brute of an intolerant, demon of a man thrashing that helpless woman, I was so disturbed that I instinctively moved towards the TV to help her. It was my wife, who had turned her face away from TV, who said, "What are you doing" and put me back to my senses.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Rajnath Singh, Home Minister



Rajendra Kumar, Ex-Special Director, IB

This happened in the suburb of Bengaluru Rural District in a village called Singanayakana Halli. The brute of a tormentor Ramakrishnappa is now absconding according to the following day's report in *TV9*.

Now what? Next day, I scanned the two Kannada and English newspapers published from Bengaluru for this news. I could find only one of the four papers, I browsed, carrying this item, that too not prominently. Let it be. A scoop like this of great human tragedy was not given due importance. I do not know for what reason. Suppose a VIP is thus cornered and mercilessly beaten up, wouldn't other channels and newspapers carry it with bold headlines? **The meek, the poor suffer thus at the hands of the powerful and influential. Even the Police become reluctant to register the case and try to settle the case by acting as mediators.**

This is a fit case to be put on a **Fast Track Court** with the Law Courts *suo motto* taking the case on record when State Police and Prosecutors go condescending towards the political masters to help the culprit go scot-free or get an acquittal.

We have so many NGOs (some of whom are honest and not for making money) and they too can come forward to help this Head Mistress in distress.

I wondered, whether *TV9* would have telecast this case if there was no proof of this brutal attack on CCTV camera. Fortunately, for the victim, the camera was operational. From the report I saw on *TV9*, it was clear the Police were not helpful until her family members pursued the case. I was shocked that there were 'human beings' who were gathered at the Police Station in support of the culprit Ramakrishnappa.

I wondered if that villain is in judicial custody or on bail. I am sure there are many such violent acts against the poor and women in our State and country that go unreported. Therefore, Police too avoid registering the case or close it with that "escape route" called 'B-Report' being venal as they are. It is here publicity comes to the help of such victims.

It is imperative, therefore, for the Police to obey the Law rather than the corrupt, intolerant, greedy political masters.

It is unfortunate that once the political party in the opposition gets power, it also starts behaving like the earlier Government that was misusing the Police and the Investigating Agencies like CBI, ATS or our Siddharamaiah's ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau).

Here is one bad example for which I hold the present BJP Government at the Centre of being guilty and dishonest, like the previous UPA Government, in keeping the sinister option to **'fix'** the IB officials as and when it wants.

Take this case. This report is from *The Hindu* dated 23.12.2017 with an apt headline that bares the hypocrisy of the present NDA Government reading, **"Rajnath gives insight on Politics".** Esoteric? No. Indeed Rajnath Singh, Home Minister, has given our Intelligence Officers an "insight" on how politicians keep the political gunpowder dry for use against their rivals when need arises.

He was speaking at the 30th Intelligence Bureau (IB) Centenary Endowment Lecture where he addressed young Intelligence Officials.

It may be recalled that one IB Special Director Rajendra Kumar, now retired, was named (as an accused) in the notorious alleged Ishrat Jahan encounter case by another Investigating Agency the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).**

The allegation against IB official Rajendra Kumar was that he provided fake inputs saying that Ishrat Jahan along with three others were heading to kill the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi in 2004. The UPA Government came to power at the Centre and the CBI was under the control of the Central UPA Government.

Fortunately, after the NDA Government, with Narendra Modi as Prime Minister, came to power in 2014, the Home Ministry under Rajnath Singh **denied sanction to the CBI** to prosecute IB Officers, including Rajendra Kumar. These Officers faced charges of murder as well as criminal conspiracy slapped by the then CBI under UPA.

Keeping the above case of abuse of political power against IB officials in mind, Rajendra Kumar asked the honourable NDA Home Minister Rajnath Singh to bring a Law to provide immunity to Intelligence Officials so that no external agency (like CBI) is allowed to investigate the IB officials.

Now, what did the **politician** Home Minister Rajnath Singh say? *The Hindu* writes, "Mr. Singh avoided a direct reply and said that he would look into the subject".

Well, Rajnath Singh thinks he has done his job by denying the sanction to CBI to prosecute these Officers. No. That was his action as a **politician.** But, he must now rise to be a **Statesman** looking at the future good of the country. Otherwise these IB Officers will be demoralised and may not provide intelligence input that may jeopardise the security of VIPs or risk their job and even life.

Therefore, Rajnath Singh must consider the IB Official's suggestion with all seriousness. Who knows, because the case against these IB officials being criminal (murder and conspiracy attracting death penalty), if the next Government is UPA it can revive the charges revoking Rajnath Singh's order. In the circumstances, it is necessary to bring a Law as suggested to protect these IB Officials from this kind of vendetta-like situation.

Moreover, if this situation continues, the intelligence gathering machinery of the country itself will collapse. We are warned.

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Intl. delegates interact with city industrialists

J.K. Tyres Vice-President Umesh K. Shenoy addressing the 62-member International team in city this morning as MIA office-bearers look on.

Mysuru, Dec.26 (PM&DM)- A 62-member International team from twenty backward and developing countries like Egypt, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Jordan, Tajikistan, Ethiopia, Oman, Syria, Sudan, Tanzania, Philippines, interacted with city industrialists at a seminar organised by Mysore Industries Association (MIA) at the Seminar Hall of J.K. Tyres & Industries on KRS Road in city this morning.

J.K. Tyres Vice-President Umesh K. Shenoy, who spoke after introducing the industrial scenario of Mysuru region to the delegation through a Power-Point Presentation (PPT), said that the MIA had organised 26 programmes over the past three years to discuss Industrial challenges and various other industries-related issues, in the wake of changing global Industrial scenario.

Explaining the salient features of the facilities extended by the Union Government to promote indigenous manufacturing facilities, Shenoy said that the MIA was working hard for promoting industries in its jurisdiction comprising the districts of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya.

O.D. Satyendra, Vice-President of Automotive Axles, in his address, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had come up with innovative plans for promoting indigenous manufacturing, such as 'Make in India' initiative.

Stating that India is rich in knowledge, heritage and culture, he said that India is fast developing as a hub for emerging technologies and innovations.

The international delegation is in Mysuru as part of its study tour organised by National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

The delegation is scheduled to visit a few industries in city.

MIA Past President P. Vishwanth, MIA Gen. Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, Karnataka State Fisheries Federation Chairman Madegowda, NI-MSME Hyderabad Consultant T. Venkateshwara Reddy, faculty member Dr. K. Vishveswara Reddy and others were present.

Lull in tourist flow after long weekend, likely to pick up for New Year

Nearly 60 bicyclists participating in Heritage Bicycle Ride organised as part of Mysuru Winter Festival today.

Mysuru, Dec.26(MTY&NNN) -The three-day weekend holiday rush that had gripped the city is slowly returning to normalcy, which is likely to pick up again as tourists from other parts of the State and country will descend in droves to ring in the new year.

Mysuru Zoo, one of the major attractions is open today though it is a weekly holiday and will be open next Tuesday (Jan.2) too. It had witnessed a huge rush in the last three days and today by afternoon 8,000 people had visited it. The Mysuru Palace again was a beehive of activity as tourists thronged the famed architectural marvel with more than 13,986 tourists visiting it by this noon. Yesterday 31,235 people visited, on Sunday, it was 34,783 and on Saturday, there was 26,500 footfalls.

In the evenings, as part of the ten-day Mysuru Winter Festival, people are coming in large numbers to enjoy the music concerts and other attractions.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Zoo earned a neat sum of Rs.21 lakh on Christmas Eve, it being a Sunday added to the rush. The number of visitors on Dec.24 doubled to 40,223 when compared to last year, which was 20,596, and the revenue generated was Rs.21,76,250.

The total number of visitors to the Palace in the year 2017 (as on Dec.24) was 33,24,454, while it was slightly higher last year at 35,67,940.

Heritage Bicycle Ride

As part of the Mysuru Winter Festival, a three-day Heritage Bicycle Ride was flagged off this morning by Deputy Director of Tourism H.P. Janardhan at the Town Hall premises. The event jointly organised by the District Administration, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Tourism Department and MCC saw nearly 60 registered bicycle riders on Trin Trin bicycles being taken on a guided tour of many heritage places.

Prof. N. S. Rangaraju who is one of the resource persons speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that the response was very encouraging as many college students and a few public were curious to know about the rich cultural heritage of the city. "Most of them were keen to learn about Kautilya's Arthashastra at Oriental Research Institute and about who built and donated money to Crawford Hall, as also about James Gordon whose statue is in front of the DC Office." The participants were presented with caps and served breakfast.

Residents oppose Open Street Festival

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (US&PM)- Over 50 residents of Devaraja Mohalla staged a protest this morning opposing the move of the District Administration to organise an 'Open Street Festival' on Dec. 30 at Devaraj Urs Road.

The residents contended that they were yet to get over the inconvenience faced by them during similar festival held during Dasara-2017. They said that such a festival would disturb the peace of the area, hamper the movement of people and the blaring sound would be too bad for the aged and sick.

They appealed the DC to reconsider the decision and cancel the street festival.

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Kunnakudi's concert: A performance combined with precision and passion

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

The evening programme on 5th December began with **Surabhi**'s concert. Surabhi is a confident and accomplished vocalist with a bold voice. Her rendition of 'Raksha Maam SharaNagatam' Of Chembai fame by Bangalore Nagaraj decorated with brisk swaras at madhyama kala sahitya made a grand beginning. Her main selection for the evening was Shanmukhapriya, wherein Surabhi did justice to Patnam subramanya Iyer's 'Marivere dikkevarayya Rama' with a neraval at 'Sannutanga Shri Venkatesha neevu' followed by intellectual swaras. Shruti on violin and Vinay Nagarajan on mridanga followed the vocalist with effortless ease.

Training under such Gurus as Neyveli Santana Gopalan and Sangeetacharya P.S.Narayana Swamy, and Karaikkudi Mani has given **Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna** strict adherence to shruti, impressive articulation, good manodharma and accurate kala pramana in presentation, neraval and swara kalpana. His concert at the music conference on 5th December with **Mathur Srinidhi** on violin, **Sudheendra** on mridanga and **B.S. Arunkumar** on morching proved this to the audience yet again. The young gentleman's passion for accuracy in his rendition was evident throughout the concert.

Kunnakudi had chosen hardly half a dozen compositions for the occasion. But each of them had precision, a completeness and an individuality of his own. 'Eti Janmamidi ha' by Tyagaraja rendered in a scholastic manner was detailed on an elaborate neraval at 'Saati leni mAra koti lavanyuni.' Also the swara adjunct with 'sa' as the central note was replete with raga bhava.

'Kanna Tandri' by Tyagaraja in Devamanohari was a brisk interlude.

The concert had only one ragalapana — Shankarabharana, but it was totally satisfying and fulfilling. Kunnakkudi is noted for his brilliance in ragalapana and his brave exploration of Shankarabharana with the display in felicity and pleasant aesthetics in articulation in the kriti and sangatis was beyond conventional phrases. Neraval at the charana part — 'Veda Shastra Tatvarthamu delisi' and the swara patterns were so intricate in technique that at times the audience were found at a loss to follow the tala.

Taniyavartanam by Sudheendra and Arunkumar drew tremendous applause from the audience. Kunnakudi closed the concert with Purandaradasa's 'Narajanma bandaga Nalige Iruvaga' in Madhuvanti in sheshagopalan style and Tyagaraja's 'Pahi Kalyana Rama' in Kapi.

Kunnakudi can avoid gasping during his rendition, which is a hindrance in the enjoyment of his heavenly music.

SVYM's TI Migrant Project bags award

Mysuru, Dec.26 (SV)- KSAPS (Karnataka State Aids Prevention Society) recognises TI (Targeted Intervention) Migrant project of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, as the best performing TI for the period Oct. 2016-17 in appreciation of services provided to the community. SVYM is a developmental organisation engaged in building a new civil society in India through its grassroots to policy level action in health, education, community development & training sectors for the past 33 years. SVYM is working towards achieving a healthy and able community by improving the quality of life of people.

In Karnataka there are 78 TI sectors working towards the goal of HIV elimination; out of that 5 TIs have been selected for Best Performance for providing valuable services to the community.

SVYM started the TI Migrant Project in the year 2012 for the migrant community of Mysuru. The TI Migrant project aims to identify & Control HIV infection among the Migrant population. It identifies the migrant community, educates them on the possibilities of contracting HIV virus and practicing safe methods to avoid HIV infection and also facilitates treatment. Since its inception, the TI Migrant project of SVYM has reached more than 50, 000 people. The identified cases have been referred and followed up with the Mysuru ART Centre. The project in addition provides nutritious food to the migrants and helps educate the children through Tent schools at the constriction sites.

Health and family welfare office, Karnataka State AIDS & Prevention Society, Bengaluru & District health & family welfare office, District AIDS Prevention unit, Kolar collaborated and organized a State-level AIDS Day where SVYM was honoured for 'Best Performance' among Targeted Intervention projects.

Articulate Fest creates sense of euphoria

Mysuru, Dec.26- While the Mecca of Dance, Chennai, was busy witnessing series of dances in the great season, Mysuru, Medina of Culture, spared no efforts to have an evening of classical dances. Articulate Festival on Sunday, the 17th December, 2017 celebrated the cold season with Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi at the Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru. Festival was co-ordinated by Mysore B Nagaraj.

Three Artistes from Nrutyayana Odissi Dance Academy, **Smaranika Jena, Debashree Panda** and **Ankita Arpita Mohanty,** invoked Lord Ganesha through the composition "Vakratunda" before elaborating on the Shiva Tatvas through Shiva Panchakshari Stotra. Megha Pallavi and a dance on the presiding deity of Mysore Durga followed. The Odissi dance befitted to be opening act with its measured delicate movement and attractive freezes, apart from its sensual gaits. The three artistes were well synchronised in all the repertoire presented and oozed spiritual fervour.

Bharatanatyam by **Nitya Narasimhan** included "Shankarabharanam" a dance describing the form and formless aspect of Shiva, The Kshetriah Padam "Chudare" commenting on dalliance of a married women with a man not her husband and "Ranjani Mala" extolling the Godness and greatness of mother Goddess. Nitya Narasimhan's performance was crisp in her movements and dignified though the padam was full of reference to sensuality.

Somashekar Chudanath and **Sowmya Somashekar,** Founders of Nirantara School of Dance, joined hands with **Karthik B. Shetty, Akshatha Amin, B.R. Raksha and Anusha Udupa,** disciples of Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Dance Studios in presenting Kathak. An ode to Ganesha through the composition "Ganganganapathy" was followed by technical execution of the rhythm in 16 beats and concluded with description of Shiva's dance responding to the Hara kara sound of the Damaru he played in the item "Damaru Harakara Bhaje." The group dressed colourfully engaged the attention of the audience with the brhmaris and pada kriyas. **Sanjana Prasad** began her Bharatanatyam recital with a traditional pushpanjali in raga Nagaswaravali and a kannada composition "Aaduhodale Makkalu" where Krishna complains to his mother about him not included in the games played by other boys of the village. She concluded her performance with a Thillana in raga Sumanesha Ranjani. The performance was neat, unhurried and geometrically precise that the art form demanded.

Spoorthy School of Dance, represented by **Suma Rajesh, Priyanka Bhargav, G. Sampada and Rachana Gurudath,** presented series of compositions in Bharatanatyam. While "Kapalini" was invoking the cosmic dancer Shiva, "Thanigai Malai" was on Lord Subramanya. A devi stuthi, "Kanjadalayathakshi" written by Muthuswamy Deekshitar followed before closing the evening with a Meera Bhajan. The entire ensemble of dancers displayed a confident group choreography that made the viewing journey a great joy.

Articulate Festival series 19 closed for the month with a sense of euphoria of watching Indian Classical Dance.

38th Masters Athletic Championship 2017

Rich haul by Mysuru District Master Athletes

A group photo of the Mysuru District Masters Athletes, who won medals in the 38th Karnataka State Masters Athletic Championship-2017 held at Hoskote in Bengaluru recently, are seen with Sathyanarayana, Hon. Secretary, MDMAA.

Mysuru, Dec.26- The Mysuru District Masters Athletes, who took part in the 38th Masters Athletic Championship-2017 held at Hoskote in Bengaluru from Dec.23 to 24, returned with a rich haul of medals by winning 23 golds, 21 silver and 20 bronze medals. In the men's section, C.B. Cheluve Gowda won three gold medals in the 70 plus category, while C. Raghavendra (80 plus men won one gold) B.K. Somashekar (45 plus, won 1 gold and 2 silver medals).

G. Bhagawan, N. Manju, S. Manjunath, A.A. Beemaiah, M. Hariesh, M. Yogendra, B. Basavaraj, C.R. Ananda, S. Mahadevu, M.P. Chandrashekar and K.T. Balarame Gowda won a gold medal each. Mahadevaiah and H.R. Ramaswamy won a silver medal each.

All the winners have earned selection to represent Karnataka State in the 39th All India Masters Athletics Championship to be held in Bengaluru from Feb.21 to 25, 2018.

KSCA Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tourney

Manu shines in City Cricketers win

Mysuru, Dec.26- An inspiring all-round performance by Manu (84 & three for 51) helped City Cricketers, Mandya, to register a facile 72-run win over Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru and enter the second round in the KSCA Mysuru Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament tie played at the Gangothri Grounds here on Friday.

SCORES — City Cricketers, Mandya: 309 in 45.2 overs (Manu 84, Abhishek 79, Kamran Pasha 47, Sunil 29, Sachin Pande 3 for 38, Rakesh 2 for 59, Uma Shankar 2 for 34) bt **Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru:** 237 in 28 overs (Niranjan 72, Sachin 34, Rakesh 33, K.N.Yogesh 20, Sunil 5 for 28, Manu 3 for 51, A.P. Anand Kumar 2 for 60).

10th L.M. Inamdar Veterans State Ranking TT

City's Krishnamurthy triumphs

Bengaluru, Dec.26- Mysuru's veteran's Table Tennis player K.V. Krishnamurthy, taking part in the 10th L.M. Inamdar Veterans State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament-2017 held at Malleshwaram Association, Bengaluru, won the 70 plus men's singles title.

In the final, K.V. Krishnamurthy beat K. Sathyanarayana (Bng) 6-11, 4-11, 12-10, 12-10, 11-7.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Krishnamurthy registered a well-earned win over S. Gopalan (CU) 11-4, 11-4, 1-11, 11-7.

Mysuru's Dr. Sainath Iyer finished runner-up in men's 70 plus singles event. K.A. Udhayshankar (Bng) beat Dr. Sainath 11-9, 12-10, 12-10 to win the title. In the semi-finals, Dr.Sainath Iyer beat G.Y. Prabhakar (Bng) 11-8, 11-5, 11-4 to sail into the title round. In the men's 65 plus category, Mysuru's Gururaj lost to Udhayshankar Rao in the semi-finals 11-4, 8-11, 7-11, 9-11.

Winners of Badminton Tournament

Winners in different sections (U-14 & U-16 boys & girls and U-18 boys) of the Badminton Tournament, conducted by the Sports Pavilion Badminton Club at the University Gymnasium Hall recently, are seen with Dr. P. Krishnaiah, in-Charge Director, Dept. of Physical Education, UOM** (sitting centre), **S.G. Prabhu, Hon. Secretary, MDBA** (2nd from right) **and others.

University of Mysore Basketball Team

Women's basketball team of University of Mysore which will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Basketball Tournament to be held at Anna University at Sri Sairam Engineering College, West Tambaram, TN, from Dec.26 to 29. Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **P.T. Dechamma, R. Baby, H.M. Inchara, C.T. Sinchana, D. Apoorva, Nithyashree, M. Amulya and Shreya,** (sitting from left) **K.R. Ranjutha (captain), B.D. Kantharaj (PE Director, Yuvaraja's College) and Dr. Pashupathi (Coach & Manager).

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2017

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Salazaar Vs Azzurro' for Chamundi Million

Mysuru, Dec.26 - The following are the selections for the 6th Day Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (27th December 2017):

1. 1.45 PM THE AVALANCHE STAR PLATE
1100 mts. [2 years] Outstation horses
1. Garrison 2. Memoriter

2. 2.15 PM THE MANGALAGANGOTRI PLATE DIV II
1100 mts (rated 00 to 25) No Whip
1. Honey Wenmoney 2. Vroom Vroom

3. 2.45 PM THE DR. M.N. DORESWAMY MEMORIAL CUP DIV II
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
1.Venus Star 2. Don't Trust Anyone

4. 3.15 PM THE PLANTERS PLATE DIV II
1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45) Outstation horses
1. Astrild 2. A Crown

5. 3.45 PM THE DR. M.N. DORESWAMY MEMORIAL CUP DIV I
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
1.Tremendous 2. Sachi

6. 4.15 PM THE CHAMUNDI MILLION 2017
2000 mts. (rated 4 years)
1. Salazaar 2. Azzurro

7. 4.45 PM THE PLANTERS PLATE DIV I
1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45) Outstation horses
1. Cantabria 2. Psychic Warrior

8. 5.25 PM THE MANGALAGANGOTRI PLATE DIV I
1100 mts. (rated 00 to 25) No Whip
1. Ayahuasca 2. Durer

DAY'S BEST: *CANTABRIA*
DOUBLE: *1. GARRISON 2. ASTRILD*
JACKPOT: *4,5,6,7,8*
I TREBLE: *1,2,3;* ***II TREBLE:*** *3,4,5*
III TREBLE: *6,7,8*
EXACTAS: *7,8*

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Annual Day celebrations

CHAITRA PU COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL: 'Chaitrotsava-2017,' the Annual Day celebrations of Chaitra PU College and High School, was held recently.

Manjula, DDPI (Administration), Mysuru, was the chief guest. In her speech, she praised the Institution's sedulous effort in the all-round development of students. She also opined that literary activities enhances the student's academic performance.

S. Gururaj, Chairman of Chaitra Educational Institution, presided the function. In his address, he shared his dream of building an institution where everyone without any supervision understands one's responsibilities and work.

Tara Priyadarshini welcomed. Pushpalatha proposed a vote of thanks. Chaitra PU College Principal Vani Sivakumar and Chaitra High School Head Mistress Geetha Barki presented the annual report.

SHARADA VIDYA MANDIR: 'Sharadotsava-2017,' the third College Day of Sharada Vidya Mandir, Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, was celebrated at Kalamandira recently.

N. Nandakumar, President of Karnataka State Vishwakarma Communities Development Corporation, was the chief guest.

N. Sachidananda Murthy, Chairman, R. Anand, Secretary, S.T. Thimmaraju, Treasurer and Academic Director, Jayashree S. Murthy, Trustee, B.N. Sunil Dayakar, Principal, staff, students and parents attended.

Students entertained the audience through Skits, Dance Drama, Instrumental Music and a feature on National Integration.

NAVKIS EDUCATIONAL CENTRE: The extravagant Annual Day celebration on the 14th and 15th of December at Kalamandira comprised of two production based on Panchabhuta — 'Cosmic Rendezvous' and Lord Shiva — 'Trinetrasara.' The festivity highlighted the importance of the five elements of nature and brought out the essence of our devotional sentiments.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest, Chairman Anandram, Principal Vasantha Latha, escorted by other dignitaries and teachers.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation song by the students followed by a welcome speech. School Principal read out Annual Report.

The first inaugural ceremony "Cosmic Rendezvous" presented amidst great zest, vibrancy and elation on 14th of December highlighted the cosmic quest of the world which forms our life force.

The second production "Trinetrasara" on 15th of December was the much awaited Dance-Drama presented by the students.

The ebullient characters showcased a kaleidoscopic presentation on stage. The students presented an enthralling performance which kept the audience astounded. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and a National Anthem.

GRACE OPEN SCHOOL & TRAINING CENTRE, BOGADI: 'Amazing Grace 2017,' the Annual Day celebrations of the Centre was held at Basaveswara Samudaya Bhavana recently.

Director Swapna Joseph presided over the function. Fr. Jinosh Mathew, Principal of Christ Public School, was the chief guest and Johnson Joseph of Lunar Group of Companies was the guest of honour. Trustees Shibu Joseph, B.S. Jay Ram and May Rose Steele were present.

Every batch of children showcased their talents in music and dance, drama and skits.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Dec.26- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Geography to **Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie** for his thesis 'Estimation of acreage and production of selected horticulture crops using remote sensing in Pulwama District of Kashmir valley' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Asima Nursath.

Bhat Satish Shankar has been awarded Ph.D in Statistics by the UoM for his thesis 'Contributions to the study of Partial Least Squares Regression (PLSR)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Vidya.

C.S. Mohan has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis "Studies on removal of dyes from aqueous solution using nutraceutical Industries spent' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Bibi Ahmadi Khatoon.

H.G. Khuteja Tasneem has been awarded Ph.D in Urdu by the UoM for her thesis *'Mysore main Urdu Sher-O-Adab aur Sahafath ka Irteqa'* submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Masood Siraj.

M.T. Latha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the UoM for her thesis 'Food and Nutrition Security among Rural Women and Children in Karnataka: A case study of Chamarajanagara District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shivanand Nari.

C. Nagaraja has been awarded Ph.D in Anthropology by the UoM for his thesis *'Mulabagilu: Samskrutika Adhyayana'* submitted under the guidance of Dr. Akkamahadevi.

H.K. Durgaparameshwari has been awarded Ph.D in Sanskrit by the UoM for her thesis 'Pathanjaliya Yogadarshanadalli Neerupitavagiruva Ashtangagala Vaishishtya: Ondu Prayogika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.A. Dodamani.

Z. Annes Fathima Thabassum has been awarded Ph.D in Food Science and Nutrition for her thesis 'Influence of employment and the status in the family of educated married women (young adults) on their nutrition and health' [Guide: Dr. Khyrunnisa Begum].

S. Sekar has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry for his thesis 'Synthesis and biological studies of Diazabicylononane and Piperazine analogues' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Nagaraja Naik.

N. Balasubramanya has been awarded Ph.D in Education by the UoM for his thesis 'Teaching Competence of Teacher Educators in Relation to their Personality Type and Attitude toward Teaching Profession' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G. Sheela.

K.S. Mohan Kumara has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Prabhakara Shishila Avara Sahitya' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.P. Ashakumari.

Thekra Mohammed Abdullah Yehia has been awarded Ph.D in Linguistics by the UoM for her thesis 'A comparative study of writing performance in English among the Yemeni graduates' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Balakumar.

U.C. Basavaraju has been awarded Ph.D in Anthropology by the UoM for his thesis 'Samajika Badratheyalli Vivahada Paatra - Ondu Manavashastriya Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Annapoorna.

Mary D'Souza has been awarded Ph.D in English by the UoM for her this 'Postcolonial native and Diasporic Subaltern-consciousness in the select short stories of Mahasweta Devi and Jhumpa Lahiri ' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Devika Rani].

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has awarded Ph.D to **K.G. Pradeepa** in Polymer Science & Technology for her thesis 'Studies on Preparation and Characterisation of Polyamide based and Thermoplastic Polyurethane based blends" submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.M. Shashidhara.

Baba Ramdev's 52nd birthday celebrated at Suttur Kshetra

Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev being taken out in a decorated chariot to celebrate his 52nd birthday yesterday at Suttur Sri Kshetra in Nanjangud taluk. Picture right shows Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji presenting a life-size wooden panel to Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev depicting him (Baba) as others look on.

Suttur, Dec.26 (MTY&NNN)- The 52nd birthday of yoga guru Baba Ramdev, Founder of Patanjali Group of Institutions, was celebrated in a grand manner in the presence of a large gathering at Suttur Sri Kshetra in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

The birthday celebrations was organised in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji on the last day of the three-day Yoga Chikitsa and Meditation Shivir organised by Patanjali Group.

Baba Ramdev was taken out in a huge decorated chariot with musicians and various cultural troupes along with hundreds of devotees accompanying, to the JSS Residential School.

Suttur Seer placed the jasmine-flower-decorated crown on the Baba's head and presented a life-size wooden-relief panel depicting the yoga guru.

Baba Ramdev, speaking after the felicitation, said that this is the first time a yoga shivir is being held in Suttur Kshetra and the Swamiji remembering to celebrate my birthday at this time is truly laudable.

More than 4,000 children have taken shelter in Suttur Mutt and added to this, more than one lakh children are receiving education reflecting the cultural ethos of the society. By doing charity and philanthropy one will receive *punya* or grace but by educating the children one receives *mahapunya*. The Suttur Mutt is involved in such a great work, Baba lauded.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that for everyone participating in the Shivir, it is the most memorable three days and to celebrate Baba's birthday which also happens to be the day for Christmas celebrations, which is a season of giving, adds lustre to the whole event. Another coincidence is, it also happens to be the birthday of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was the main architect of the Kargil War victory.

Bharat that is India's civilisation is much more ancient than that of the Greek civilisation and this is the gift that our country has given to the world. We should focus on continuing this great legacy of the past and Baba Ramdev is in the forefront of taking it forward, said the Swamiji.

Twenty years ago, only the students of Patanjali knew about the great sage. But Baba Ramdev has been instrumental in spreading the message of Patanjali yoga to the entire world, he said.

Bidar MP Bhagawanth Khuba, Fabricon's Manjunath, Jayadeep Arya, Dr. Sumana Behan, Rajeshji, State in-charge Bhawarlal Arya and others were present.

More than 1,200 delegates from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Goa and around 4,000 school children from the Suttur Residential school participated in the three-day shivir that ended yesterday.

Winter Festival: Rajesh Krishnan and Anuradha Bhat mesmerise gathering at Palace

Noted singers Rajesh Krishnan and Anuradha Bhat** (right) **performing at Palace last evening.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (US&YDS)- As part of Mysuru Winter Festival, the third day (Dec.25) of cultural programme at Palace premises featured a musical nite by Rajesh Krishnan and troupe last evening which enthralled the gathering. The song *'Usire usire ee usira kolla beda'* rendered by Rajesh Krishnan mesmerised the large number of visitors.

Singer Anuradha Bhat rendered *'Naanu Nodida Modala Veera Baalu Kalisida Salahegaara Beragu Moodiso Jaadugaara Appaa'* upholding the greatness of a father.

Rajesh Krishnan came out with popular numbers like *'Nooru Janmaku Nooraru Janmaku,' 'Jotheyali jothe jotheyali', 'Jeeva Veene Needu'* and many more with thunderous applause by people. He along with Shashikala rendered a couple of duets also while Anuradha Bhat and Santosh too rendered a few popular songs.

Drenched in colours: Behind the Bombe Mane at Palace premises, the organisers had lined up a few drums filled with coloured water. Over 30 children enjoyed splashing coloured water over each other. Fire Brigade personnel had created an artificial rain using fire hydrant and the kids enjoyed under the 'rain.' A few youth too joined the fun and frolic.

The flower show at Palace premises received a good footfall yesterday also with 30,236 visitors having a glimpse of the exotic flowers, Bombe Mane and photo expo.

Today's cultural programme at Palace premises will feature music and dance programme by South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur at 6 pm and 'Ganayana' by Sunitha Chandrakumar and Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira at 7 pm.

WORD OF THE DAY

Kwanzaa

Pronunciation: kwahn-zuh

Meaning: A harvest festival celebrated from Dec.26 to Jan.1 in some African-American communities.

Origin: Maulana Karenga, an African-American professor of Africana studies, activist and author created Kwanzaa in 1966, as the first specifically African-American holiday. According to Karenga, the name Kwanzaa derives from the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, meaning "first fruits of the harvest", first known use of the term is in 1970.

THE ODD WORD

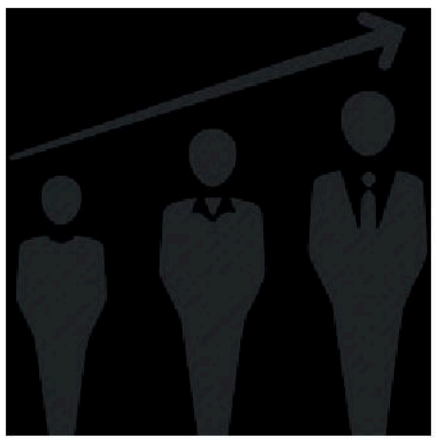
Ichthyophagous

Fish-eating

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In the box-seat

Meaning: In a superior or advantageous position.



Origin: This phrase doesn't relate to boxes at the theatre, or even to seats made of boxwood. The box-seat was literally a box which was used as a seat for the driver on coaches. This was set at quite a height in order for the coachman to be able to see beyond the one or two pairs of horses that drew the coach. It isn't difficult to imagine how 'in the box-seat' took on its figurative 'advantageous' meaning. This English phrase has the same meaning as the American 'in the catbird seat', but although the US version was coined later there's no reason to suspect that it was derived from the earlier phrase.

The first reference to box-seats is in an advertisement from The Times, June 1804: "To be Sold, A LANDAU, little the worse for wear, with a barouche box seat." 'Barouche' is the name of a carriage with such a seat — "A four-wheeled carriage having a seat in front for the driver, and seats inside for two couples to sit facing each other."

The use of 'in the box-seat' to describe someone in a favourable situation began in the mid 19th century.

QUOTE BOX

We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us. **—Joseph Campbell**

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

WINEEEE

Answer: Win with ease.

SUDOKU

			3			6		9
4			7	1				3
	6		9			2		
		5					9	1
6	7					8		
		7			2		6	
8				9	1			7
2		4			7			

Answer to previous puzzle

8	4	6	7	9	2	5	1	3
9	5	1	4	6	3	8	7	2
3	2	7	1	5	8	4	9	6
4	1	2	9	7	6	3	8	5
5	9	3	8	1	4	6	2	7
6	7	8	3	2	5	1	4	9
2	3	4	6	8	9	7	5	1
1	8	5	2	3	7	9	6	4
7	6	9	5	4	1	2	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 India's desert region
5 An agreement
9 U-turn from NNE
12 He is able to ___ : he can manage?
13 Spanish river
14 Organ of sight
15 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
16 Epicurean
18 Some exams
20 ____ talk : persuasive talk of the marketing people?
21 "Is log" anagram for Irish county
22 Asian condiment?
23 Expression of impatience
24 "Nary" a change to a man's name?
27 Other in Spanish, "rota" anagram?
31 1996 Olympics flame lighter
32 Uncanny or unearthly
34 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
35 Slangy nonsense, empty talk
37 Drinks like a cat
38 Colour Reversal Intermediate
39 Short for amplifier
41 Satisfied a desire or appetite to the fullest
43 Opened one's eyes
46 Sponsorship
47 Cut or broken into small pieces or fragments
50 The four top ranking cards in a deck of cards - one in each suit?
52 Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, acronym
53 Scandinavian books
54 Famous London art gallery
55 "May" change into a girl?
56 ___ the rot : prevent or stop further damage?
57 Joy Adamson's pet lioness

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

G	A	U	R	■	O	P	A	L	■	E	L	E
R	I	P	E	■	R	A	R	A	A	V	I	S
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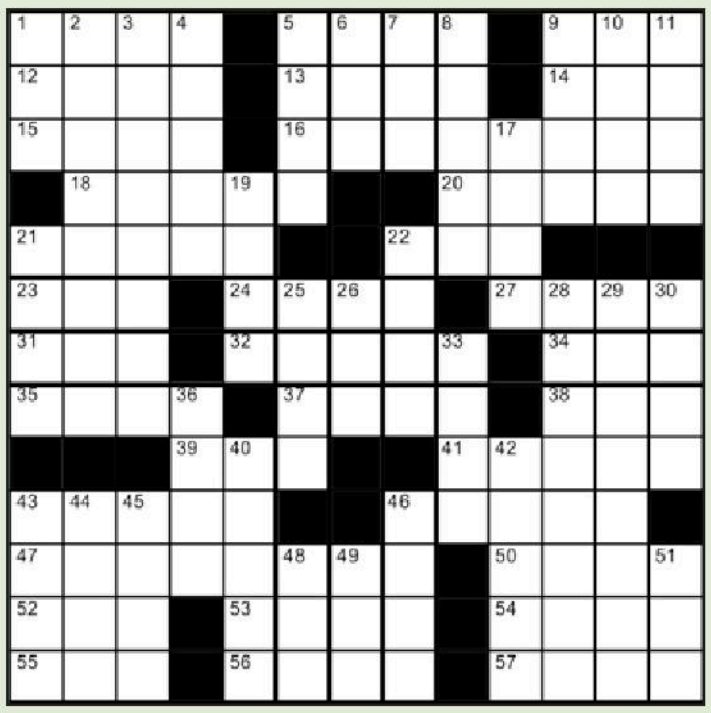
A	Y	E	■	N	O	S	■	A	N	E	T	■

DOWN

1 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
2 Hawaiian capital
3 Pre-dinner drink
4 Replace an informative attachment
5 Fasteners on the clothes line?
6 Aborigine, in short
7 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
8 Human trunk
9 Close up
10 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago?
11 Ties the knot with?
17 Sandwich content
19 Traditional tales
21 Male deer
22 Single cut
25 Cry out, perhaps pleasurably, as a small dog or a pup
26 Old time classic movie Alam ___
28 Of ___ importance : of strategic value?
29 Philatelists pay a fortune for them, "star seer" anagram? (4,4)
30 Dry like the desert?
33 Being in Latin
36 Sham; false
40 Inhabitants of ancient Media?
42 Large marble
43 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
44 George Michael & Andrew Ridgeley
45 Paris airport
46 Eve's hubby
48 Commonly used pesticide
49 Dutch commune
51 Body of water



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZIKCC AQM BCCN Q GCRKCZ, LW ZHP

PW ZICA QKC UCQU

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To do just the opposite is also a form of imitation

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
College Kumara	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tora Tora	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Blue Eyes	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Pyasi Awaz	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Hello	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Jawaan	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
-----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Tora Tora (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Vimaanam (Ma)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Masterpiece (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm 4.15 pm, 7.00 pm 9.45 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	11.55 am, 3.15 pm 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am, 3.50 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Sakka Podu Podu Raja (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 am
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
Mayaanadhi (Ma)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.26)

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2017, Arevadhya and Somana Kunita by B.K. Narasimharaju and troupe from Bevinahalli in Sira Taluk, **6 pm;** Inauguration in the presence of Kannada & Culture Director N.R. Vishukumar, Rangayana Director Bagirathi Bai Kadam, Journalist Ravi Koti and Prasad Kundoor of Niranthara, **6.15 pm;** Prior to the inauguration, Staging of play 'Swapnavasavadatta' by Rangayana, Dharawad, **7 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust: Jnana Yajna Sambharama, Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Dr. Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Bengaluru, Sri Krishna Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.27)

City Police and Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP): Crime Prevention Month, staging of street plays, Mission Hospital Circle and Private Bus Stand near RMC, **9 am to 11 am;** Teresian College Circle, Dasara Expo Grounds, **3 pm to 6 pm.**

Aroma: Cake Festival (La fete de decembre), French Macron, Coconut Macaron, Meringue, Queen Cake, Loyal World Supermarket - V.V. Mohalla / Bannimantap / Infosys / T.K. Layout / Kuvempunagar; Loyal World Market - Mall of Mysore; Aroma lounge - Bogadi Road, adjacent to AIISH / Hebbal Industrial Area; Gayathri Bhavan Building, Dhanvantri Road, **10 am onwards.**

Ranga Ratnakara, Bengaluru: Seminar on 'Professional Theatre,' *Ranga Nepatya* Editor Gurdihalli Nagaraja speaks about 'Ranga Sahitya (theatre script),' *Ranga Sangeetha Ratna* R. Paramashivan speaks on 'Ranga Sangeetha (theatre music),' senior cine actor *Kalatapasvi* Dr. Rajesh presides and speaks on 'Ranga Natane (theatre acting),' Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**

Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri and Kannada Vikasa Education Institution, Nrupatunga Kannada School, Kuvempunagar, Mahajana Educational Institutions, Mahajana High School, Jayalakshmipuram: Interaction programme on 'Gandhiji' and prize distribution to the winners of district-level essay competition, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar inaugurates, Mahajana Education Society President R. Vasudev Murthy presides, talk by thinker P. Mallesh, UoM Syndicate Member M.S.S. Kumar distributes prizes, Gandhi Bhavan Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa speaks, Mahajana High School auditorium, Jayalakshmipuram, **10.30 am.**

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Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Technical lecture on 'Advancement in Geo-Spatial Technology and Its Applications' by Dr. Jeganathan Chockalingam, Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) University, Mesra, Ranchi, Jarkhand, M. Chinnaswamy, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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Karnatak music concert at Ganabharathi on Dec.29

Vid. Nagaraj

Mysuru, Dec.26- Ganabharathi has organised a Karnatak vocal music concert by Vid. Sringeri H. S. Nagaraj on Dec.29 at its Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. C. A. Nataraj on violin, Vid. P. S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. Srirambhat on khanjira.

Profile: Born to Shankarabhat and Saraswathamma, Vid. Sringeri H. S. Nagaraj was intiated to music by his mother and later was groomed by Vid. H. Ramanath (disciple of Vid. Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer) and Vid. Prasanna Venkatesh.

Having secured 2nd rank in Vidwat examination he has been a very active personality as a guru and an organiser. Having a teaching experience for four decades he has trained students both in India and USA. He has been a resource person as well as an accomplished organiser who has been instrumental in conducting a National-level Veena Saptaha, Workshop on Rare Krithis of the Trinity etc.

He has to his credit various CDs on Haridasas and Bhagavan Sri Satya Saibaba. He has also given his music direction to several dramas and operas. Being a seasoned artiste, he is the Founder-Principal of Sri Guruguha Sangeetha Mahavidyalaya established in 1976, which has branches both inside and outside in Karnataka. He has been honoured with Kanchi Kamakoti Peetha Asthana Vidwan-2013, Vidyathi Vatsalya Varidhi, Malenada Naada Sthamba, Sangeetha Darshanika and Sangeetha Visharada awards.

Dec.26

Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Palace Board and Horticulture Department: Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Display of Dolls at Bombe Mane and Photography Expo, **up to 8.30 pm;** Palace Illumination and Cultural Programmes - Music and dance performances by artistes of South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, **6 pm to 7 pm;** 'Gaanayana' by Sunitha Chandrakumar and Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira, Mysore Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Horticulture Department: Musical Fountain at Kuppanna Park, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Tourism Department: Open Air Movie Screening, Kannada movie *'Rangi Taranga,'* Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm to 10 pm..**

Dec.27

Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums: Cycle Jatha to heritage sites from Town Hall, **7 am to 9 am.**

Department of Food and Civil Supplies: Food and Cake Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **8 am to 10 pm.**

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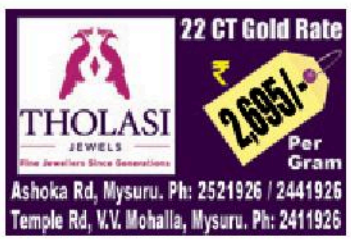

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